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All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

MARRIAGE.

On the 5th instant, at the Cathedral, by the Rev. W. Jennings, M.A., Colonial Chaplain, JAMES CHAMBERS OF WALS, Farnham, Surrey, to AMY POOL, daughter of Henry Pool, Esq., Leamington, Warwickshire.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 23RD, 1884.

We give publication to a letter from a correspondent who very modestly signs himself "Molecule," in which he urges the necessity for a municipality in this city. So far we are at one with him; the question has been repeatedly ventilated in this column, and the advisability of placing Victoria on the same footing as Singapore in this respect has been consistently advocated. But "Molecule" has been absent from the Colony so long, and has, it would seem, made so poor a use of his eyes since his return, that he has—unintentionally—we are sure—done injustice to the Government when enumerating the works carried out by them. It is true that from the time of Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY's departure to the assumption of the administrative functions by Mr. MARSH—the period of Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY's reign—scarcely anything was commenced and hardly a single work completed. But since the community got rid of that talkative but do-nothing Governor, considerable activity has prevailed in the Public Works Department, and though the Colony still lacks many things that ought long ago to have been supplied, great progress has been made, and work is now proceeding as fast as the finances and the powers of the Public Works Department will admit. At "Molecule" admits, the roads and streets have been placed in good order, the Observatory has been built and put in working trim, and the Tytan Water Works are in course of construction. This latter will prove a long and costly public work, but it was desirable to solve at once and for the future the water-supply question, and this scheme does that effectively. Unfortunately the tunnel has to pierce solid rock almost throughout, and the task of boring is necessarily slow, but that difficulty once surmounted the rest of the work will be comparatively simple.

But are these all the works with which the Government can be credited? In common fairness we feel compelled to continue the enumeration for "Molecule." The Civil Hospital, so long housed in totally inadequate quarters, is now accommodated in a commodious building much better adapted for the purpose, and much healthier for patients. The new Lunatic Asylum is rapidly nearing completion, and will soon be ready for the few patients who are now located in a rickety house which is wholly unsuited as a residence for any class of the population. A new Mortuary, an institution much needed in a climate like that of Hongkong, has been erected at West Point. A large and substantial new Police Station for the Water Police has been completed at Tsui-Tsui, in place of the old hulk in which they were formerly lodged. The foundation stone of the new Central School has been laid, and new Markets have been decided upon, though their construction will probably be delayed for a time owing to the pressure of other works. The Breakwater and the extensive reclamations at Youmatao and Belcher's and Causeway Bays must not be forgotten, nor the construction of various wharves at different times on both sides of the water. It is true that the public still have to groan and grumble at the want of accommodation at the principal landing place in the colony, Pedder's Wharf, but we hope the Government will not long remain indifferent to the wishes of the residents in this particular. The uninterrupted Preysa is hardly, we trust, "as far off being an accomplished fact as in 1874"; certainly Sir GEORGE BROWN has done his best to forward the negotiations on the subject, and the War Department have waived their objections, while there is good hope that the Admiralty may be induced to accept the proposals made. The foreshore of the harbour has not been improved; we have seen nothing so far of the dredges referred to by His Excellency the Governor, but presume they will soon be out and put to work. The sooner this is done the better, and the Government cannot move too quickly in the matter. A Sanitary Board has been created and has effected various reforms, alike in the disposition of rubbish and filth, the cleansing of houses, and the improvement of drains, &c., but the foreshore is so insidiously at low tides that no further time should be lost in getting it dredged. There are other things much needed, but we cannot expect to get all our wants supplied at once; they have been accumulating, so long that the sum total is a serious one, and not easily

wiped off; we must be content to receive them in instalments, more especially having regard to the present bad times, which have caused a notable decline in two important sources of public revenue. Even a municipality requires stirring up sometimes, and, however active, could not do more than funds permitted them. While holding a very decided opinion as to the desirability of having a Municipal body in this city, we think due credit should be given to the local Government for what has been accomplished by them.

His Excellency Major-General Sargent visited the Victor Emanuel yesterday, and a salute was fired on his leaving.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

POLICE COURT.

27th October.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE.

LAWCOURT.

The Police Commissioner presented an extremely interesting case being covered all over with arms and ammunition, which were being imported by Mr. J. M. Armstrong for valuation, Inspector Ordley assisting. When the arms were spread out it could be seen that there was a large proportion of breech-loaders, of almost every type that had been invented, and with the barrels of which will show the date of the latest fashion. The gunsmiths at present in use among civilised powers have been arrived at. Some of the weapons are very useful ones, and there are a great many revolvers and double and single barrelled pistols. The stock of cartridges, bullet powder, percussion caps, all kinds of ammunition, &c., &c., were exhibited. The agent and the Mr. Armstrong was hard at work for a long time yesterday, much remains to be done.

The story and the case were told to the Commissioner, who said she had taken the bandoliers and the cartridge boxes to take to the Hillman's mode of loading and discharging their guns, we may add that their ordinary method of taking aim is to place the lower end of the butt of their matchlocks against their right breast, high enough to enable the curved end to rest against the cheek and the eye to look straight down the long barrel, on which are no sights of any kind. They have a habit, too, of discharging their guns from their hip, and I have seen them make good practice at short distances. One of the most curious ways of taking sight and firing at an enemy can be witnessed any day up in the savage borders. Theman loses his hat, raises his hand sufficiently to be able to look along the barrel, puts the muzzle between his teeth, takes a deliberate aim, and makes as a rule better practice than by lying on his belly and taking aim in that position. The loss keeps the long weapon steady, very little front is shown, and experts on a level place of ground, covered perhaps with tufts here and there of rank grass, would puzzle European troops considerably on landing in a strange country, where an upright enemy would be looked for instead of a horizontal one. Certain Wimbleton positions are something similar to the mode often adopted by our friends the Hillmen, but it would be a curious sight on a field of battle, if both sides laid down on their backs, crossed their feet, and rested the muzzles of their guns between their toes, and tried to annihilate themselves by shot shelling at each other in this most unselfish-like fashion. The settlement of international disputes would never be arrived at, and civilization would stand still. In the open the Hillmen would have no chance, but they are a dangerous body if placed under cover, and under any circumstances, they are a wary, brave set of fellows, and as they should be, as all their lives have been spent in disputing, inch by inch, newly acquired territory, wrested from the savages. Border warfare goes on almost incessantly all the year round, and man-slaying and head hunting are fashionable pastimes of Hakkas borderers at all seasons of the year. Much more might be said about the Hillmen, but space will not permit.

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According to the Observatory the announced cyclone this morning is at S.S.W. of Manila

without having yet changed its direction, continuing from E.S.E. to W.N.W.

THE VISIT OF PRINCE OSCAR OF SWEDEN.

His Royal Highness Prince Oscar of Sweden has seen what there is to see in our small colony and neighbourhood, and has accepted local hospitality with great readiness, winning golden opinions from all whom he has come in contact with by his unaffected demeanour and amiable disposition. On the 21st inst. His Royal Highness and suite went to Canton, where he stayed until the morning of the 23rd, as the guest of Messrs. Russell & Co. On the 22nd he was received by His Excellency Chang Chih-tung, Vice-roy of the Two Kwangs. A guard of honour was drawn up by the Yamen, and the Vicerey showed the Prince the greatest attention and received him most cordially. Prince Oscar and suite also went through the City, and visited the principal places of interest; he returned to Hongkong the following morning. On Thursday night, the 23rd, H. R. H. dined with Mr. W. H. Forbes, Consul for Sweden and Norway. The band of the *Venadis* was present and played during the evening. On Friday night His Excellency the Major-General and Mrs. Sargent entertained His Royal Highness and the officers of the *Venadis* to dinner at Head-quarter House.

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The *Strait Times* has the following:—"The following extract from the *Times* of London is copied:—A young man, a school-fallen of M. Lemoine, late French consul-general at Shanghai, and recently appointed minister plenipotentiary to two European constables, was brought before the court yesterday morning. He was accused of having committed a robbery with violence, committed upon a Chinese woman.

His Lordship said the offence the prisoners were found guilty of was a very serious one. He was particularly heartless, for they snatched the doctor to the house on the pretence of attending a patient, and then set upon him, threw him down, dragged him into a cookhouse, and robbed him. He would restore it, and he said he would endeavour to do so. He took complainant to second defendant's house, and said he had given over the money to the second defendant. The latter said he knew nothing about it but would make inquiries as to where the money was gone. The first defendant promised to get back the money if the second was released. He mentioned his servants, and first defendant admitted the theft. He was told he must restore it, and he said he would endeavour to do so. He took complainant to second defendant's house, and said he had given over the money to the second defendant. The latter said he knew nothing about it but would make inquiries as to where the money was gone. 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Europe on important matters connected with the Mission, and laboured unceasingly, obtaining everything necessary for the carrying on of his work. In 1876, he obtained the post of James in the Yunnan, where he himself chose the Southern district. As far as from Europe, he remained in Osaka until 1879, for the purpose of building a new Church. He then again settled down in Nagasaki, but it became evident that his strong constitution was seriously affected, and the doubts then expressed were afterwards fully realised. In March, 1883, he reached Nagasaki, the place of his first mission on work, in order to seek medical advice. There, but the fatigue of the journey proved too much for him, and he was compelled to turn back before reaching his destination. Under careful medical attendance, however, he temporarily recovered; but in July last his sickness returned, and hopes of his recovery were abandoned. On the 10th of August it was deemed advisable to remove him to the British Legation at Peking, his sickness had suffered much both day and night, but he bore it throughout with that admirable patience and resignation which formed one of the chief characteristics of his whole life. He was buried in the Church, under the exact spot where he was praying when a party of native Christians appeared to him in 1865.

YOKOHAMA.

Twelve Nordenfelt guns, which recently arrived from Germany, have been mounted on the *Hiei Kan* and *Kon Ka*.

A mining expert states the mineral resources of Japan by no means exhausted, and that the smallness of the out-put is due to the short term (15 years) during which private miners are allowed to work. The other Capitalists do not for this reason care to invest money in mining. Should the term be extended the out-put will certainly be increased.

The *Maihata Shimbun* publishes a rumour to the effect that a Japanese military officer of high rank is taking steps to enquire into the circumstances under which a European diplomat broke his leg at the *Yamashita*, three days down from the piled rocks of the infested river. He is to attend the funeral of the late Belgian Minister. The officer referred to is said to have held the opinion that no greater insult could have been done to the soldier.—*Japan Mail*.

An important trial of murderers was brought to a close at the Yokohama Criminal Court on the 16th October. Meritani Takao, Nakamura Hiroki, and others were indicted for having with premeditation killed a man by the name of Ryo Uchino, living in Otago-gori, Kanagawa-ken, on the 15th May last. The circumstances under which this murder was committed seem to be these; that the accused all owed more or less money to their victim, and being unable to pay their debts, conspired to kill him, binding themselves by a covenant signed with pen and ink, and entered into their plot. But one of the conspirators, revealing the crime to the authorities, the accused were easily arrested and sent to trial. Except in the case of one of them, the crime was proved and the prosecutor prayed for a sentence of death, while their counsel pleaded extenuating circumstances for their benefit. The court reserved judgment, which will be given on the 18th instant. —*Japan Gazette*.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MONDAY, 27th October.

ON LONDON.

Bank Bills, on demand..... 38
Bank Bills, 3 months' sight..... 384
Bank Bills, 4 months' sight..... 384
Credits, at 3 months' sight..... 384
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight..... 384

ON PARIS.

Bank Bills, on demand..... 480
Credits, at 4 months' sight..... 489

ON BOMBAY—Bank, 3 days' sight..... 2264

ON CALCUTTA—Bank, 3 days' sight..... 2264

ON SHANGHAI—Bank, sight..... 734

Private, 3 days' sight..... 744

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—110 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$500 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$25 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$25 per share, Bazaar.

North China Insurance—\$1,400 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$1,421 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company, Limited—\$175 per share, ex div.

Oriental Insurance Company, Limited—\$148 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$874 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$40 per share, Buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$32 per share, Buyers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—\$45 per cent. prem.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$45 per share premium.

Indo-Chinese Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—50 per cent. discount.

China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited—35 per cent. discount.

Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—Par, nominal.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$34 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$190 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$100 per share.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$42 per share.

Selangor Tin Mining Company—\$20 per share.

Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—\$5 per share.

Hongkong Poco Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$50 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—2 per cent. div.

CHARTERS EFFECTED.

The following settlements are taken from Mr. J. LAMMIE'S Freight Circular:

Huon—German bark, 385 tons, to Havre, London, and Hamburg, private terms.

Wandering—American ship, 1,350 tons, to New York port terms.

Huon—German bark, 1,320 tons, to San Francisco, private terms.

Tes—Huon—German bark, 889 tons, to Hull, 30 day's hire.

Hongkong—Gold 7,700 per ton dry sugar, 30 day's hire.

Leviathan—American ship, 4,194 tons, Manila to New York or Boston, gold 55 per ton dry sugar, 40 day's hire.

Undine—German bark, 965 tons, Manila to Liverpool, 21 tons, 6d per ton sugar, 42 tons, per ton hemp, 30 day's hire.

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